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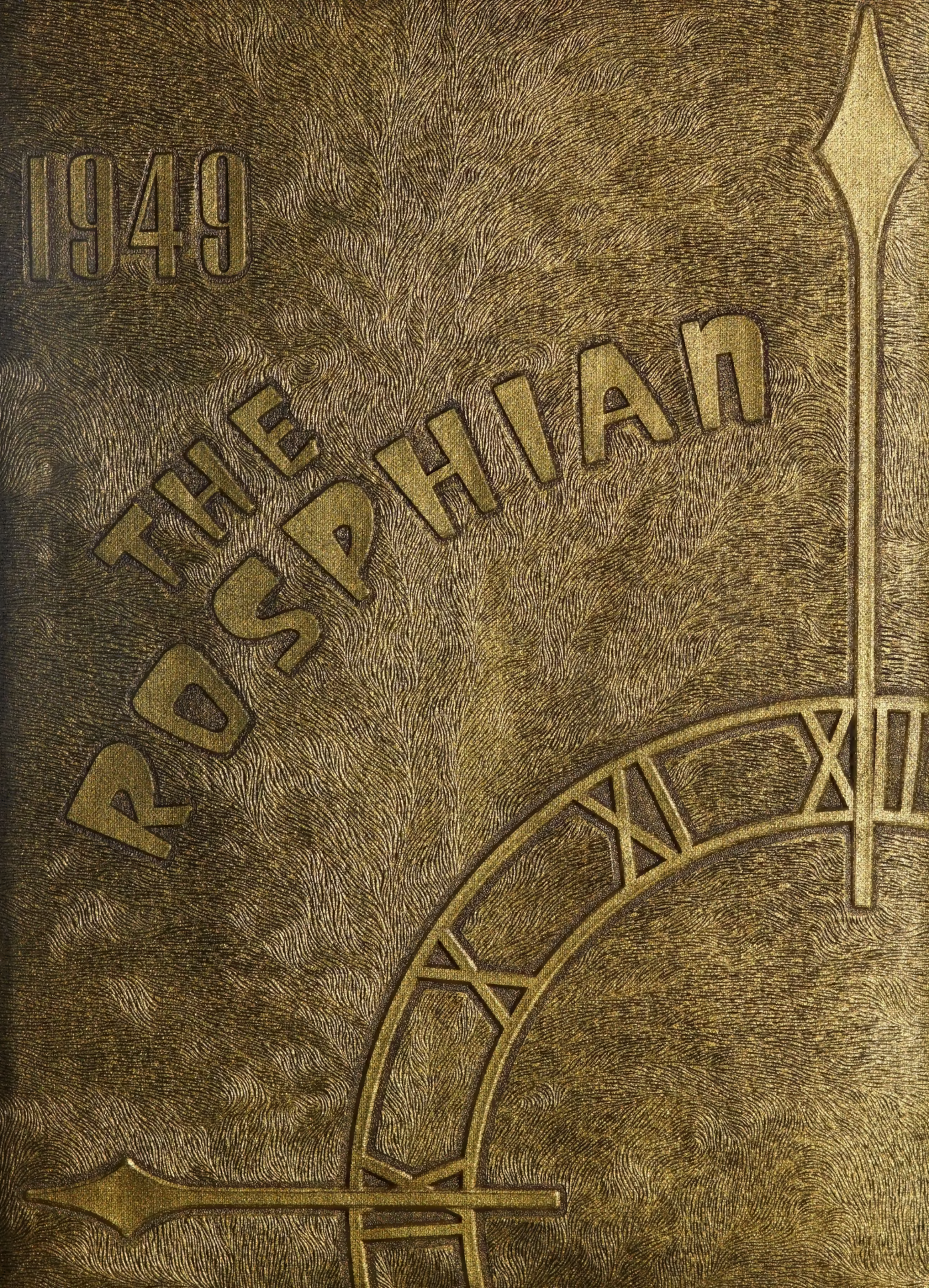

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MARJORIE LITTL

Shirley

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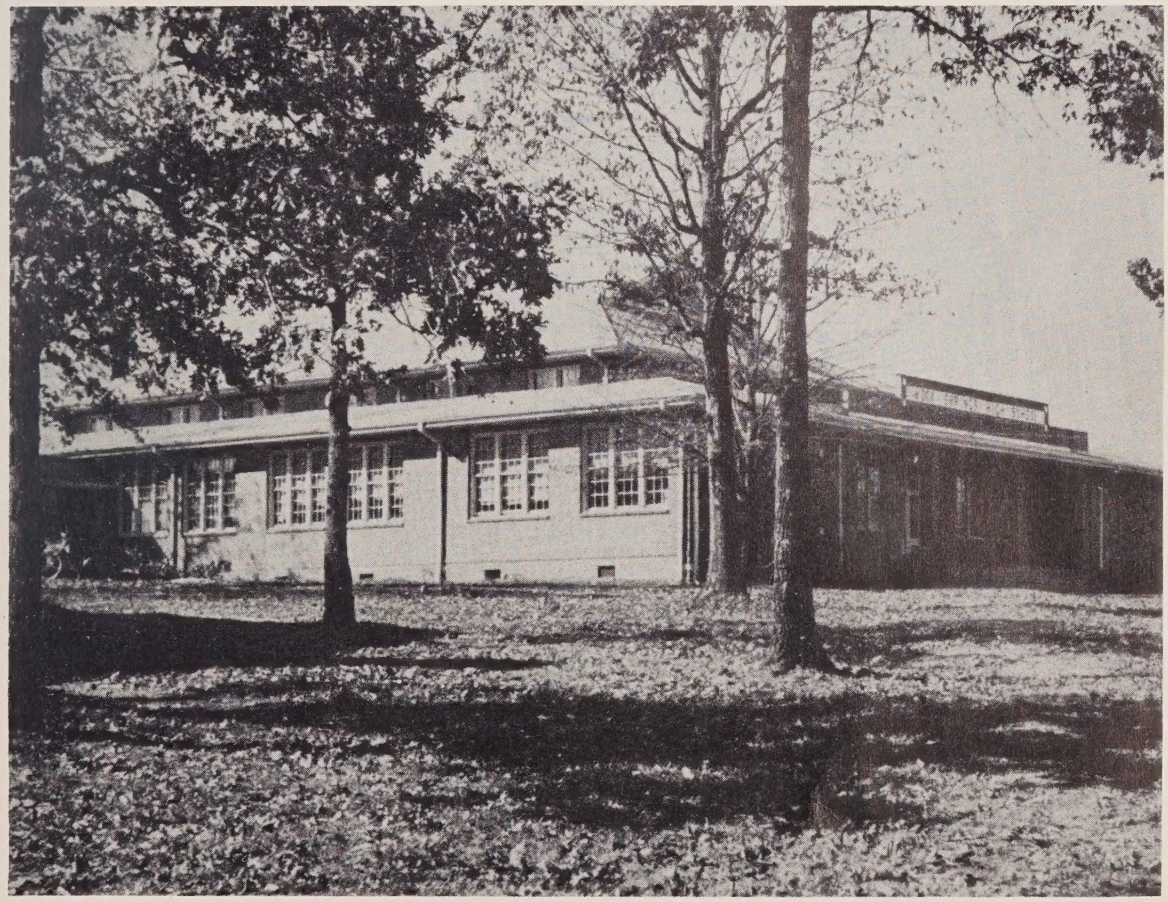

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THE SENIOR CLASS OF ROCK SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL

Denver, North Carolina

Time

8:30—School begins . . .

10:25—Activity . . .

12:05—Lunch . . .

3:00—School out . . .

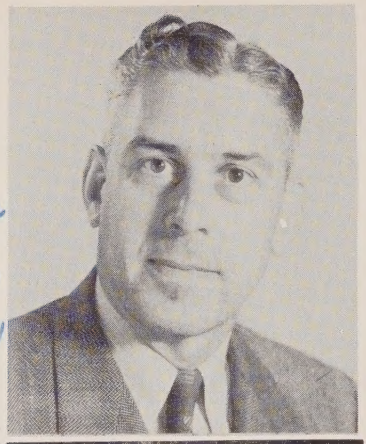
We, at Rock Springs, are time-conscious people. At one time or another all of us have asked ourselves what does all this mean? Are we simply marking time until we get out into the world and really begin to live? Or is it more than this?

We, who have worked on this annual, believe that is is much more. School days at Rock Springs are valuable not only as a preparation for life but as a "way of life." In this, the first edition of THE ROSPHIAN, we have sought to give you this "way of life."

Dedication

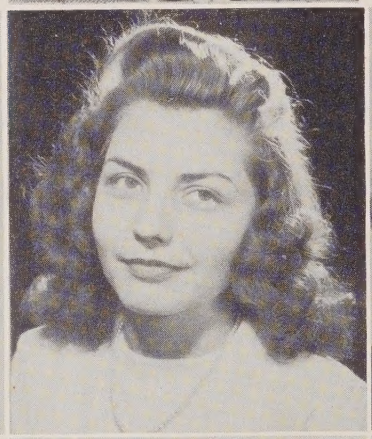
To one to whom we feel highly indebted—to one who has shown much interest in our school and school activities—to one whose unselfish knowledge has inspired us to strive toward higher ideals—to one whom we all love—to one who has added to our encouragement, subtracted from our faults, multiplied our interests, and divided our co-operation—we, the Senior Class, dedicate the first edition of THE ROSPHIAN.

MR. H. C. LITTLE



Marjorie, it has been a pleasure to have you in Home Economics because your interest is always there. I hope that never changes!
Dorotha Miller

"Let your reach exceed your grasp."
I've enjoyed having you for a student teacher this year.
Mastie Lucy
Sonrita Mill



May your future be filled with happiness!
L. Rodgers

Faculty

MR. H. C. LITTLE.....Principal, Geometry
Davidson College

MISS DOROTHA MILLER.....Home Economics, Science
W. C. U. N. C.

MRS. GEORGE RODGERS.....Math, Commercial
Lenoir Rhyne College

MISS KITTY MILLER.....English, Spanish
U. N. C.

MR. GEORGE RODGERS.....History, Physical Education
Lenoir Rhyne College

MR. KEITH CARPENTER.....Agriculture
N. C. State College

MRS. MELVIN SIPE.....Music
Winthrop College

Faculty

MR. J. R. WILLINGHAM.....Eighth Grade
Wofford College

MRS. FRED HAMBRIGHT.....Seventh Grade
Winthrop College

MISS BETTY DEDMON.....Sixth Grade
Brevard College

MRS. DENNIS DELLINGER.....Fifth Grade
Appalachian State Teachers College

MRS. KIRBY DELLINGER.....Fourth Grade
Eastern Carolina Teachers College

MRS. BETTY BOSTIC HOWARD.....Third Grade
Appalachian State Teachers College

MRS. HORACE ABERNATHY.....Second Grade
Appalachian State Teachers College

MISS ERMA DEAN HEFNER.....First Grade
Appalachian State Teachers College

Although I have not had you as a student I have enjoyed knowing you. I appreciate your friendliness and wish for you many happy experiences in the future.
J. R. Willingham

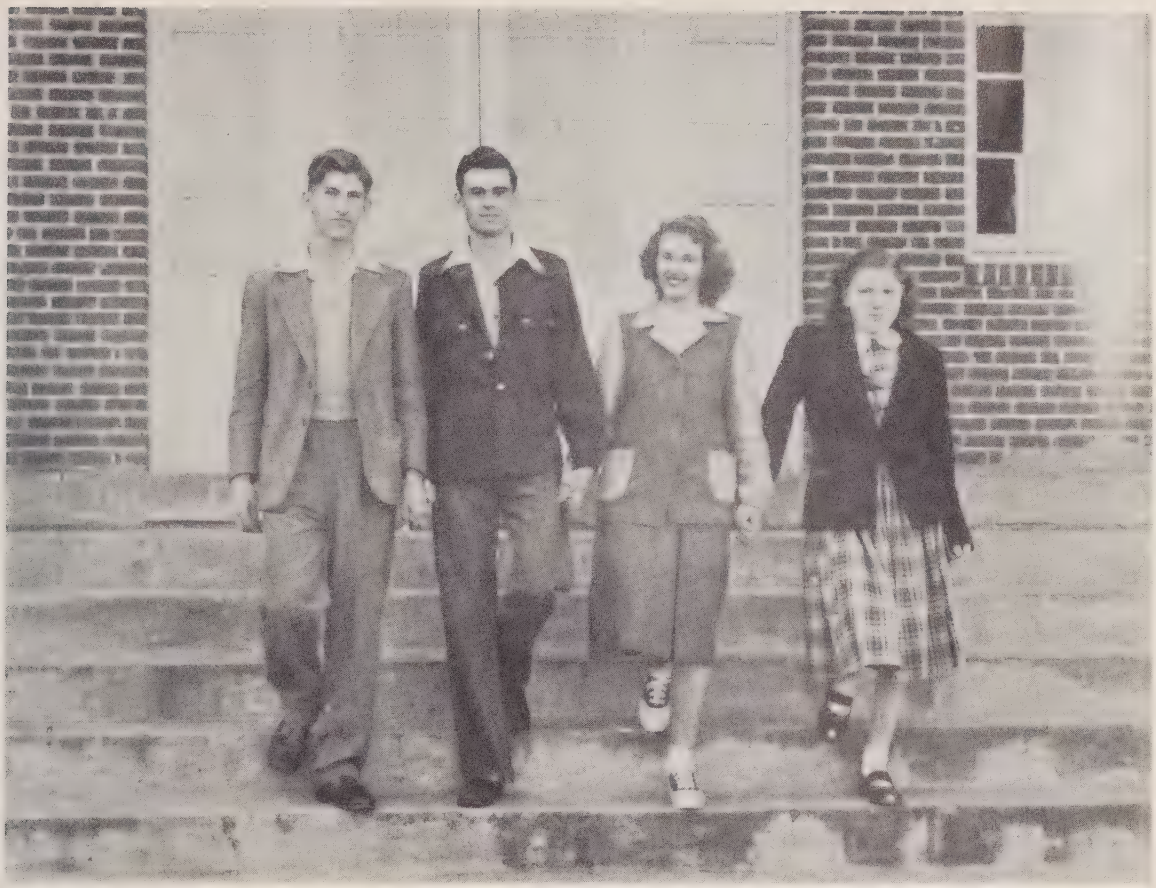
Shirley, it was a pleasure knowing and having you for a student in the seventh grade.
Jewell Hamrick

School Song

We've got the finest school that's in the land. We'll set our goal and there we'll take a stand. To put old Rock Springs on the top, top, top. We'll do this and we'll never stop, stop, stop, stop, stop. So fight, fight, fight, fight all the time, and soon the whole wide world will quickly find. We'll stand for work, play, fun, pep, zip-boom-bah, zip-boom-bah, Rah, Rah, Rah.

School Colors

Black and Gold

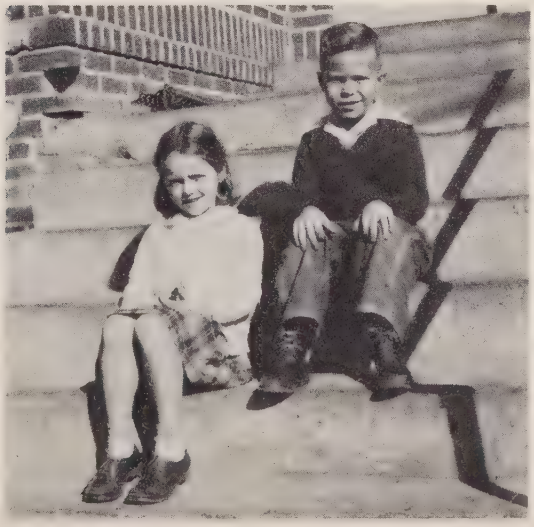


Senior Class Officers

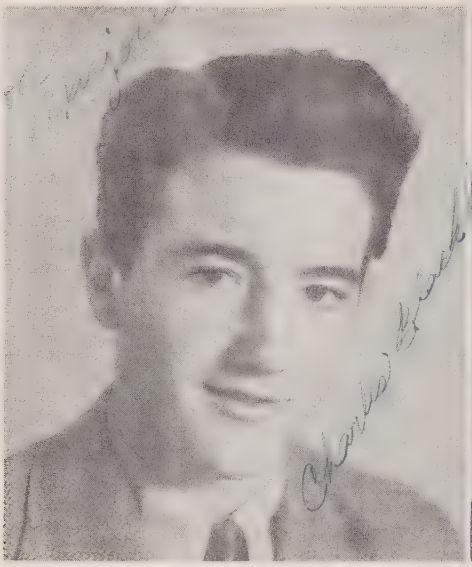
Curtis Sigmon ..... *President*
Bobby Key Howard ..... *Vice-President*
Elsie Goodson ..... *Secretary*
Judith Ann Ellerbe ..... *Treasurer*

Mascots

Elaine Walkup



Winfred Hicks



Love Peggy

CHARLES CONRAD BLACK, JR.

"You know it, too?"

October 7

Basketball '47, '49; Baseball '46, '47, '48, '49; F. F. A. '47, '48, '49; 4-H Club '46.

PEGGY JEAN CHERRY

"Oh! I got something to tell you."

September 1

Beta Club '46, '47, '48, 49; Secretary of Beta Club '48, '49; Dramatics Club '48; Student Government '49; Office Staff '49; Annual Staff '49.

S E N I O R S

JUDITH ANN ELLERBE

"Oh, my!"

September 25

Gastonia '47, '48; Treasurer of Senior Class '49; Glee Club '49; Vice-President of Spanish Club '49.

PATRICIA ANNE FISHER

"Get a load o' that!"

February 8

Gastonia '46, '47, '48; Chief Cheerleader '49; Gossip Editor of "The Ripple" '49; Athletic Association '49; Library Assistant '49.

Margie, we had some swell times together. Always remember these when you grow old. Best of wishes always to a swell gal!
Elsie Goodson

ELSIE VIRGINIA GOODSON

"Holy cow!"

November 4

Beta Club '46, '47, '48, '49; Basketball '46, '49; Secretary of Senior Class '49; Beta Club Reporter '49; Dramatics Club '48.

NORRIE HAGER

"Really!"

December 10

4-H Club '46, '47, '48; Vice-President 4-H Club '49; Dramatics Club '48; High School Popularity Queen '48; Annual Staff '49; Paper Staff '48; Marshal '48.

SENIORS

MILDRED HOPE HARKEY

"Well all right!"

June 29

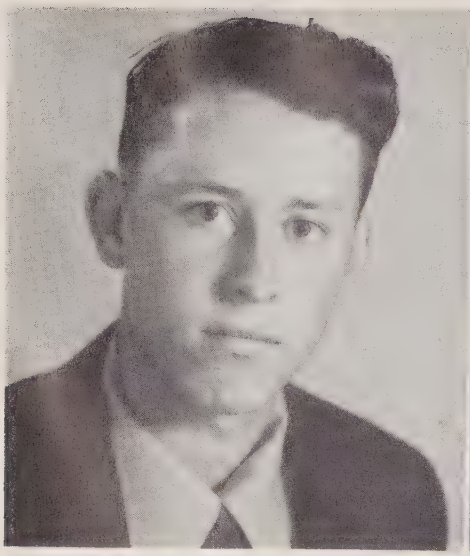
Basketball '49; Athletic Association '49; Lunch Room Staff '49; Office Staff '48, '49.

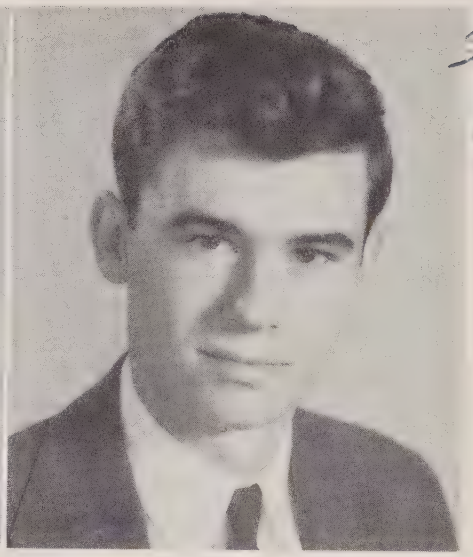
BETTY LOU HEAFNER

"My goodness!"

January 27

4-H Club '46, '47, '48, '49; Dramatics Club '48.





Luck to you.
Billy H. Howard

BILLY HUGH HOWARD

"Man, No!"

June 17

Basketball '46, '49; Baseball '46, '48, '49; Athletic Association '49; Marshal '47; F. F. A. '47, '48, '49.

BOBBY KEY HOWARD

"Let me tell you!"

April 18

Beta Club '46, '47, '48, '49; Basketball '46, '49; President Athletic Association '49; Vice-President Senior Class '49; Marshal '48; Annual Staff '49; Sports Editor of "The Ripple" '49.

SENIORS

THOMAS CLIFTON HOWARD

"Shoot Luke!"

June 24

Beta Club '46, '47, '48, '49; F. F. A. '47, '48; Secretary of F. F. A. '48; Student Government '49; Editor of "The Ripple" '49; Dramatics Club '48; 4-H Club '46, '47, '48; President 4-H Club '48.

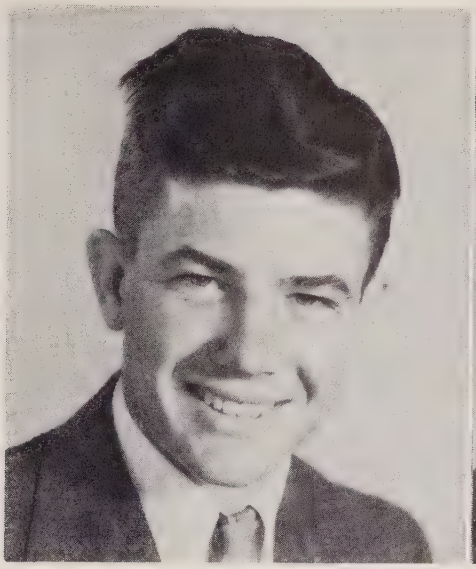
ELSIE GAY KING

"Aw nuts!"

March 26

4-H Club '46, '47, '48, '49; Song Leader '46, '47, '48; President of 4-H Club '49; Cheerleader '49; Athletic Association '49; Glee Club '48, '49; Library Assistant '48; Annual Staff '49.

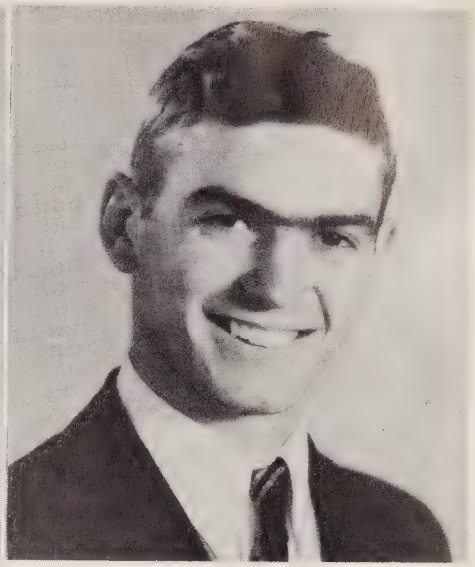
Luck!



ERNEST FRANKLIN LEDFORD
"Oh Boy!"

May 1

F. F. A. '48, '49; President of F. F. A. '49; President of F. F. A. Association '49; Office Staff '49.



MARION THOMAS LINEBERGER
"Well good for you!

April 24

Mount Holly '46, Glee Club '48, '49, Dramatics Club '48, Treas. Junior Class '48, Beta Club '48, '49, Treas. Beta Club '49, Pres. Student Government '49, Lunch Room Staff '48, '49, F. F. A. '46, '48, Annual Staff '49, Spanish Club '49.

SENIORS

JOY MARIE LITTLE
"Oh, glory!"

April 7

Troutman '46, '47, Dramatics Club '48, V.-Pres. Dramatics Club '48, Library Staff '48, Class President '48, Beta Club '48, '49, Pres. Beta Club '49, Debating Team '48, '49, Student Government '49, Office Staff '49, Spanish Club '49, Pres. Spanish Club '49, Treas. Glee Club '49, Annual Staff '49.

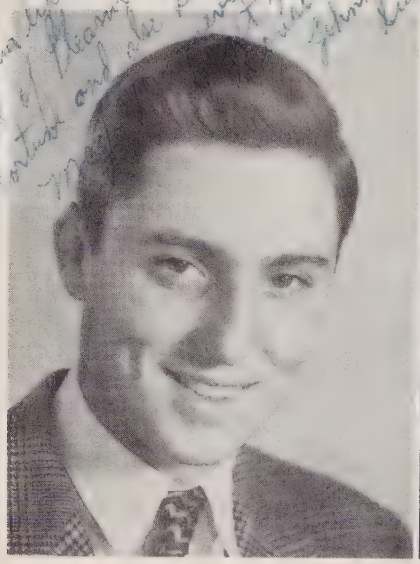
SUE ALVIN RUDISILL
"Aw foot!"

April 16

4-H Club '46, '47, '48, '49; Glee Club '48, '49; Dramatics Club '48; Chief Marshal '48.

Luck to ya, Sue R.

May you live be full of Fame, Honor and the best of luck. I wish you Johnny Seehorn



JOHNNY LITTLE SEEHORN

"Got any chewing gum?"

July 15

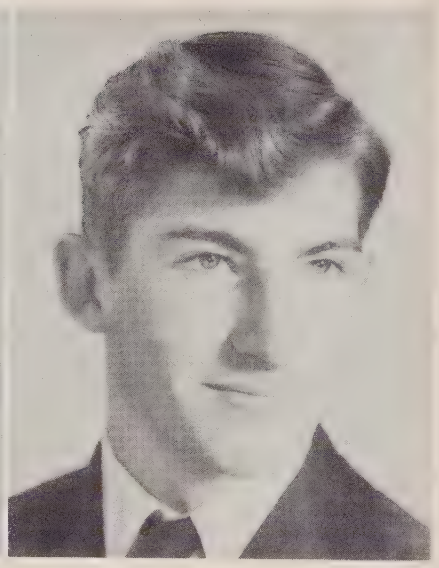
Athletic Association '49; Basketball '46, '49; Baseball '46, '47, '48; 4-H Club '46; F. F. A. '47, '48, '49; Marshal '48.

VANNIE MAE SHERRILL

"Golly Pete!"

July 18

Basketball '49; 4-H Club '47, '48, '49; Christmas Queen '49; Marshal '48.



CARLIN CURTIS SIGMON

"Aw, Grandma's mustache!"

August 30

F. F. A. '47, '48; Vice-President of F. F. A. '47; President of F. F. A. '48; Glee Club '48, '49; Vice-President of Junior Class '48; Annual Staff '49; Assistant Editor of "The Ripple" '49; Beta Club '48, '49; Vice-President of Beta Club '49; Dramatics Club '48; President of Senior Class '49; Vice-President of Student Council '49.

S E N I O R S

LEONARD ALFRED SIGMON

"Yeah Boy!"

February 13.

F. F. A. '47, '48, 49.

BETTY GWYNN SMITH

"Oh foot!"

March 11

Beta Club '46, '47, '48, '49; 4-H Club '46, '47; Basketball '47; Dramatics Club '48; Glee Club '49; Office Staff '49; Library Staff '48; Annual (Editor) '49.

"Good luck to you always"

Leonard Sigmon

Class Song

TUNE: *Smiling Through*

We have come to the end of our school days so dear
To the parting of friends tried and true;
We have studied, we've tried
We have laughed and we've cried,
In our happy years at dear old
Rock Springs High.

There's a new life before us, a future to face,
There's a part to be played by each one;
But through all the long years
Through our smiles and tears,
Our hearts will yearn for dear old
Rock Springs High.

JOY MARIE LITTLE

Class Flower

Red Rose Bud

Class Motto

"Not Finished, Just Begun."

Class Colors

Red and White

Senior Class History

Our time has come. After twelve years of ups and downs we have reached our goal. We are Seniors!

In reward for our efforts we get a first glimpse of the boundless meadow of Life, which stretches out at our feet, breath-taking and beckoning. But why do we try to describe the way we feel? To capture the real glory one must stand where we stand and witness the scene we see.

For a short moment we hesitate here. A short time ago we were children, protected and carefree. Now we have grown up—adults, responsible for ourselves and for the future. We know that out there, somewhere, is a place for each of us. It may be a stately place or an humble one, but if we will live by the motto: "Not finished, just begun," our search will not be in vain. We will find our place.

The years together have been happy ones. There is a bond between us that cannot be broken. We have laughed together, learned together, and in the future this bond of friendship will come to the aid of those in our class who should need it.

The meadow beckons. In a while we will begin the search. We extend a hand in appreciation to everyone who helped us gain this place. For those who are trying to reach the goal, have courage and fortitude. The reward is worth the effort.

Elsie King
Historian

Class Prophecy

It is now August, 1959. My husband, our three children and I have just returned home from Rock Springs Camp Meeting, where we spent a few days camping last week.

We look in our diary and find the most important things that happened: As we were entering the camp ground, who would be there directing traffic but North Carolina Highway Patrolman, Bobby Key Howard.

We entered and had just started cleaning our tent, rather our rented tent—we got it from Tommy Howard for $50.00—when Charles Black, Jr., came around and offered his assistance for the slight charge of $1.00. His two boys did the work, though, so I made my Bill pay them.

After we moved in and got settled, we walked to the shack for a Coca-Cola. Who did we see running it but Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Seehorn, the latter being the former Miss Pat Fisher. We soon discovered that the boy dipping ice cream was none other than Johnny, Jr., and even though he was only four years old, he could already count!

It was time for church when we walked back to our tent, so we washed the children and hurried to the arbor. The singing had started when we got there, and I couldn't keep from recognizing the Choir Leader—Miss Elsie King. Accompanying at the piano was Miss Sue Rudisill. Both had been studying at the New York School of Music in New York City. Before beginning the sermon, Marion Lineberger, the minister, recognized Dr. Ernest Ledford and his nurse, Miss Betty Gwyn Smith, who had been helping the sick at the Camp Ground First Aid Department. Also attending the service was Superintendent of the Lincoln County Schools, Leonard Sigmon, and his secretary, Miss Mildred Harkey.

While leaving the arbor we ran into the former Miss Joy Marie Little and her husband who were visiting from Washington, D. C. He is a minister, and she is a director of Religious Education.

On Friday morning we were rudely awakened by the ice man, who was none other than Billy Hugh Howard. It's a good thing he woke us, though, because we'd planned to take the children to have their pictures made. We found Curtis Sigmon behind the camera, and his assistant, Miss Betty Lou Heafner, developing the pictures. While we were waiting for her to do her duty, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Sigmon, the latter the former Miss Vannie Mae Sherrill, and their three children came in to watch the birdie.

We didn't see Peggy Cherry or Judith Ellerbe until the last Sunday. They both are working at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland, and report being kept very busy. We learned from them that Elsie Goodson, in her time off from private duty nursing, plays ball for the Southern Bell professional softball team. She's good, too!

We now close our diary and lay it aside. Bill gathers up the afternoon paper and his pipe and sends little Billy after his house slippers while I gather up my knitting. Then we all sit back and relax because we've heard from all of my former classmates.

Norrie Hager
Prophet

Last Will and Testament of the Class of 1949

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
CITY OF DENVER
TOWNSHIP OF CATAWBA SPRINGS

We, the Seniors of Rock Springs High School, saying farewell to the school, members and faculty, do hereby make and declare this to be our LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT.

ARTICLE I

To our principal, Mr. Little, we leave our sincere affection and happy memories of our last two years here.

To our home room teacher, Miss D. Miller, we express our appreciation for her help in our struggle through our last year in school.

To Miss K. Miller, we leave our English books. We also leave our gratitude for her patience in teaching us Spanish.

To Mr. Rodgers, we leave our term papers in history, our sociology books, and unwillingly our basketball suits.

To Mrs. Rodgers, we leave our ability to type, also our appreciation for her patience with the bookkeeping class.

To Mr. Willingham, we leave our appreciation for teaching us Bible.

To Mr. Carpenter, we leave the good soil so he can teach someone else agriculture; also the shop for other fellows to learn carpentry.

ARTICLE II

To the Juniors, we dispose of our dignity.

To the Sophomores, we leave our determination to strive for higher things in life.

To the Freshmen, we leave our best wishes for an easy journey through High School.

To the Middlers, we leave our intelligent minds so that they may some day become seniors.

ARTICLE III

To our friends, we leave our personal belongings, as follows:

I, Charles Black, Jr., will my ability to be in class on time to Reid Luckey.
I, Peggy Cherry, will my typing ability to Marjorie Little.
I, Pat Fisher, will my laugh to Ester Somers.
I, Elsie Goodson, will my big mouth to Marlene Miller.
I, Mildred Harkey, will my ability to type to Jean Edwards.
I, Betty Heafner, will my height to Joyce Nixon.
I, Judith Ann Ellerbe, will my quietness to Vergie Mundy.
I, Billy Hugh Howard, will my talkative mood to Bobby Duckworth.
I, Bobby Key Howard, will my good looks to Howard McIntosh.
I, Tommy Howard, will all of my smart remarks to Bobby Harris.
I, Elsie King, will my ability to sing to Marjorie Little.
I, Ernest Ledford, will my small feet to Cecil Ballard.
I, Marion Lineberger, will my big feet to Charles Ledford.
I, Joy Marie Little, will my personality to Jean Edwards.
I, Sue Rudisill, will my natural curly hair to Thelma Clontz.
I, Johnny Seehorn, will my popularity to Harry Price, Jr.
I, Vannie Sherrill, will my walk to Nellie Carol Perkins.
I. Curtis Sigmon, will my dislike for girls to Mr. Willingham in hopes that some day he may marry.
I. Leonard Sigmon, will my friendliness to Bobby Nixon.
I, Betty Gwyn Smith, will my place as editor of the Rosphian to Jackie Hager.
And finally, I, Norrie Hager, will my place in History Class to anybody who will relieve me of it.

Witnesses: Penny—of Penny Pringle
Moon—of Moon Mullins

NORRIE HAGER
Attempt at Law
Class of 1949
R. S. H. S.

NORTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SCHOOL
LINCOLN COUNTY

Most Athletic

Elsie Goodson—Johnny Seehorn

Most Ambitious

Betty Gwyn Smith—Marion Lineberger

Best Looking

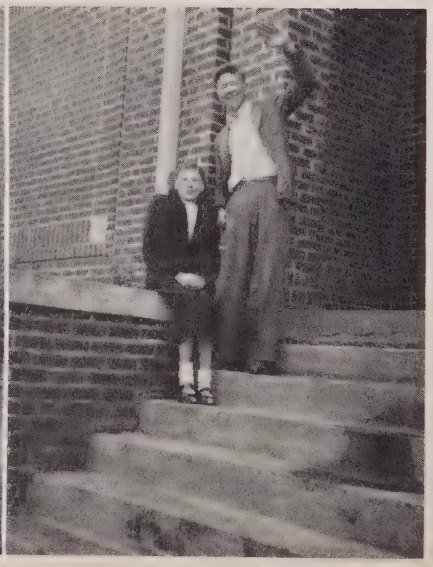
Vannie Mae Sherrill—Bobby Key Howard

Best All-round

Betty Gwyn Smith—Bobby Key Howard

Friendliest

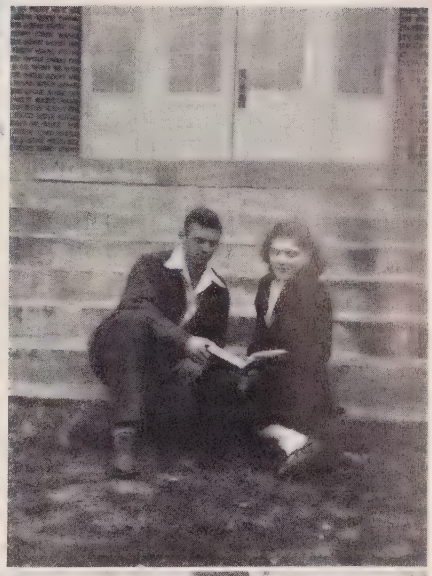
Judith Ann Ellerbe—Leonard Sigmon



SUPERLATIVES

Most Studious

JUDITH ANN ELLERBE—MARION LINEBERGER



Most Popular

PAT FISHER—JOHNNY SEEHORN

Wittiest

PAT FISHER—BILLY HUGH HOWARD

Most Likely to Succeed

JOY MARIE LITTLE—MARION LINEBERGER

Most Original

JOY MARIE LITTLE—TOMMY HOWARD

Juniors

CLASS OFFICERS

Harry Price	*President*
Reid Lucky	*Vice-President*
Flora Mae Ballard	*Secretary*
Howard McIntosh	*Treasurer*

Flora Mae Ballard
Annie Black
Pauline Christopher

Thelma Clontz
Ruth Dellinger
Jean Edwards

Evelyn Goodson
Jackie Hager
Bobby Harris

Doris Ann Henely
Betsy Huskins
Marjorie Little

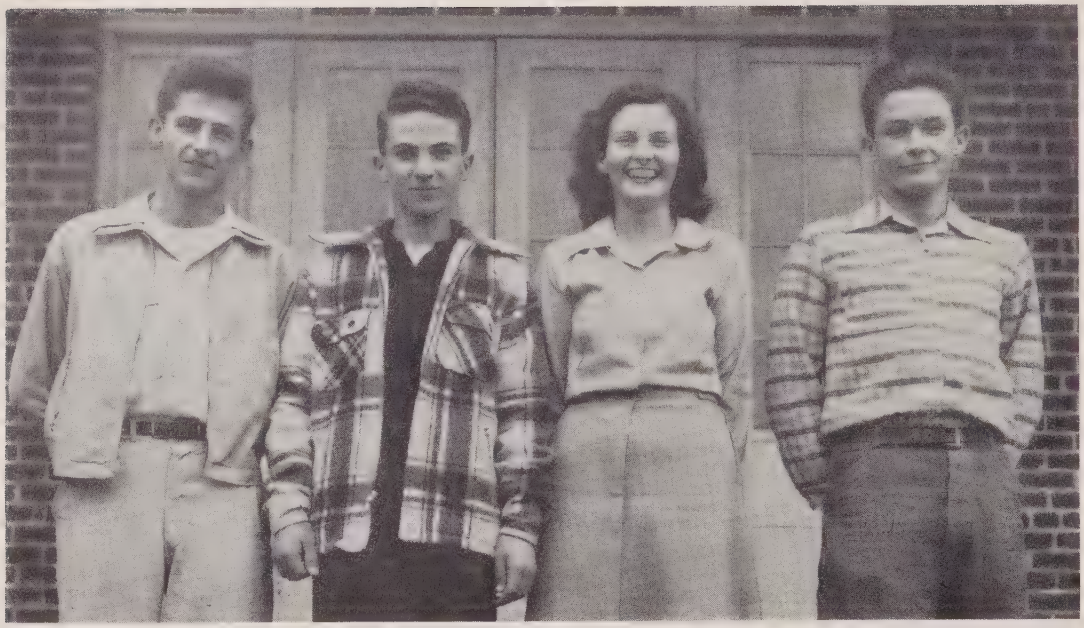
Reid Luckey
Jewel McCorkle Beatty
Howard McIntosh

Marlene Miller
Vergie Lou Mundy
Bobby Nixon

Nellie Carol Perkins
Harry Price
Esther Somers

Not pictured:
Troy Brotherton
Marie Stroupe
Louise Weathers
Albert Williams

Sophomores



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Paul Garrison ..... *President*
Guy Killian ..... *Vice-President*
Betty Lee Kaylor ..... *Secretary*
Billy Lawing ..... *Treasurer*

Cecil Ballard
Dariel Black
Opal Mae Brotherton
Leo Christopher

Joan Dellinger
Bobby Duckworth
Paul Garrison
Junior Gilleland

Geraldine Goodson
Janet Hager
Betty Lee Kaylor
Johnny Keever

Guy Killian
Avoneal Lawing
Ruberta Lawing
Billy Lawing

Betty Rose Little
Willie Little
Barbara Jean Miller
Billy Nixon

Joyce Nixon
Iola Robinette
Martha Rudisill
Laura Sigmon

Betty Joy Shellem
Gwendolyn Williams

Not pictured:

Russell Christopher
Linden Dellinger
Charles Ledford
Elliot Loftin
McLelland Sherrill

Freshmen

CLASS OFFICERS

Clyde Curtis Sifford ..... *President*
Gerald Howard ..... *Vice-President*
Virginia Ruth Abernathy ..... *Secretary*
Laura Mae Goodson ..... *Treasurer*

Virginia Ruth Abernathy
Lester Ballard
Patsy Black
Phyllis Bolick
Doris Brotherton
Ethil Bumgarner
Paul Clark
Maurice Crouse
Bobby Dellinger
Georgia Mae Duckworth
Carlene Edwards
Fred Fisher
Laura Mae Goodson
Parks Glover
Joyce Hager
Ruth Harkey
Henry Hester
Gerald Howard
Mary Catherine Howard
Sammie Johnson
Gray Jones
Keith Kelly
Joanne Kelly
Lee Killian
Joe King
Raynell Lawing
Frances Ann Little
John Lester Little
Alice Loftin
William Mays
Ruby McGinnis
Betty Lou Nantz
Melvin Nixon
Tommy Nixon
Roberta Perkins
Billie Poole
Patricia Proctor
Delano Robinette
Carey Sherrill
Clyde Sifford
Dennis Sifford
Joyce Sigmon
Clifton Stroupe
Reginald Stroupe
Jimmy Thompson

Not pictured:

Willena Goodson
Hazel Herring
Joyce Reel
Peggy Wilkinson

EIGHTH GRADE

First Row: Betty Ballard, Floyd Ballard, Grady Barker, Dorothy Beatty, Ocie Bridges, Vaughn Dean Brotherton, Pearl Crouse, Carl Edwards, Benny Greene, Jesse K. Jones, Jerry Lawing.

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Third Row: Dean Reep, Clara Rhyne, Betty Sue Riley, Bobby Schronce, Billie Mae Shellem, Billie June Sherrill, Peggy Sherrill, Wade Sherrill, Dennis Stillwell, W. J. Thompson, Franklin Weathers.

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The Rocks Springs

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Third Row: Myrtle Newton, Dorothy Perkins, Dorothy Poole, Evelyn Reel, Prue Reynolds, Richard Sherrill, Kermit Sigmon, Betty Stroupe, Franklin Weathers, Edith Wilkinson, Charles Williams.

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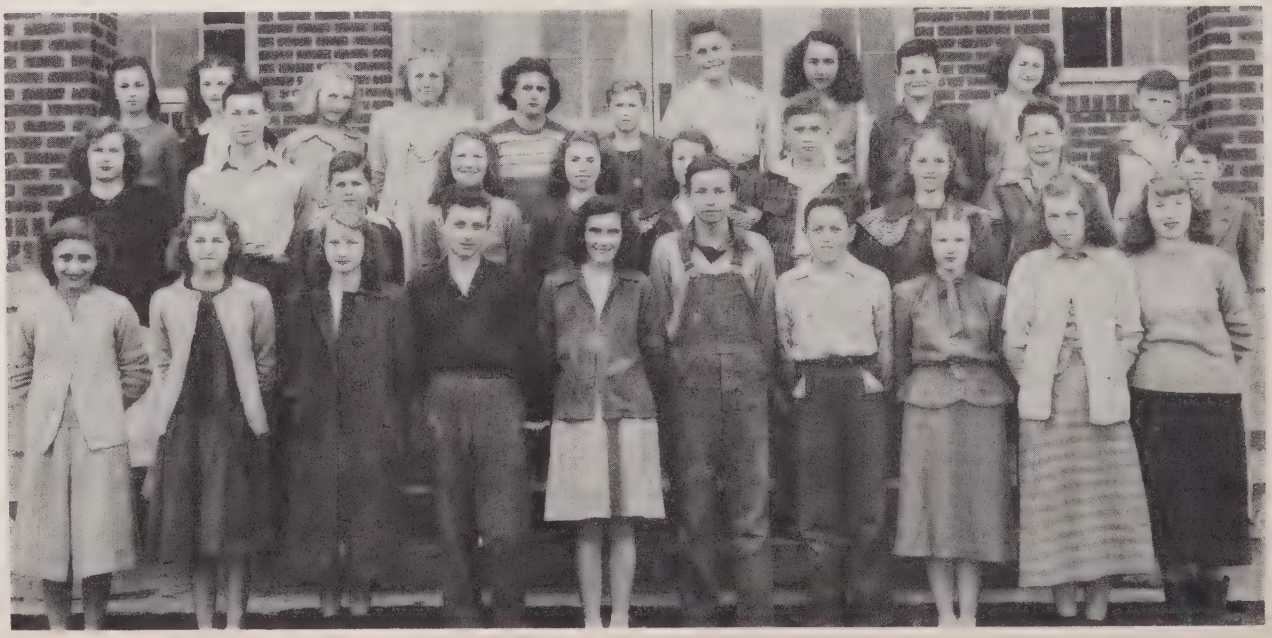

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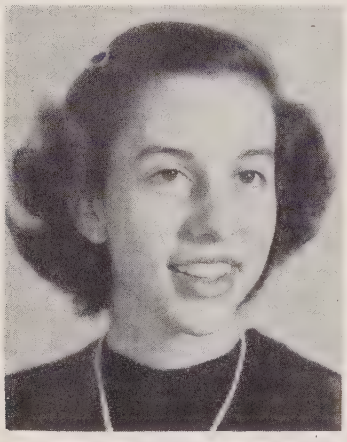

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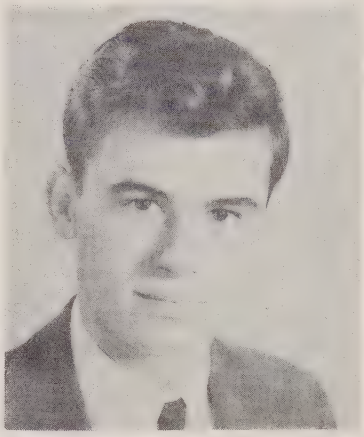

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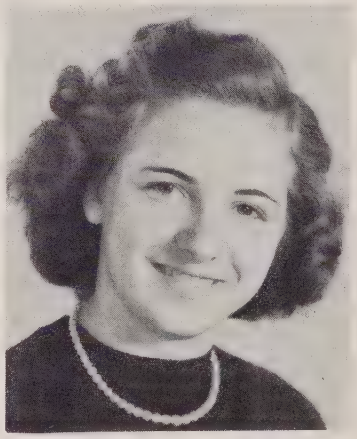

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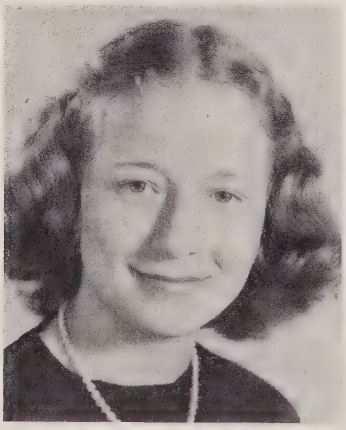

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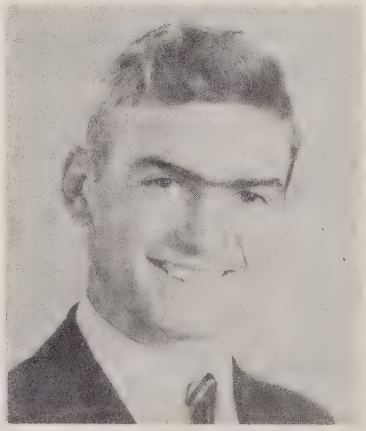

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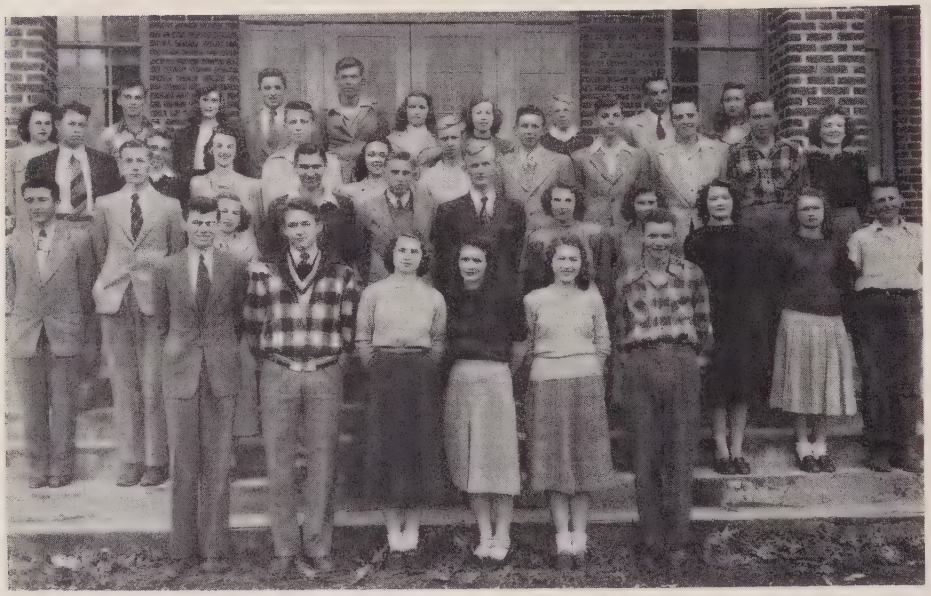

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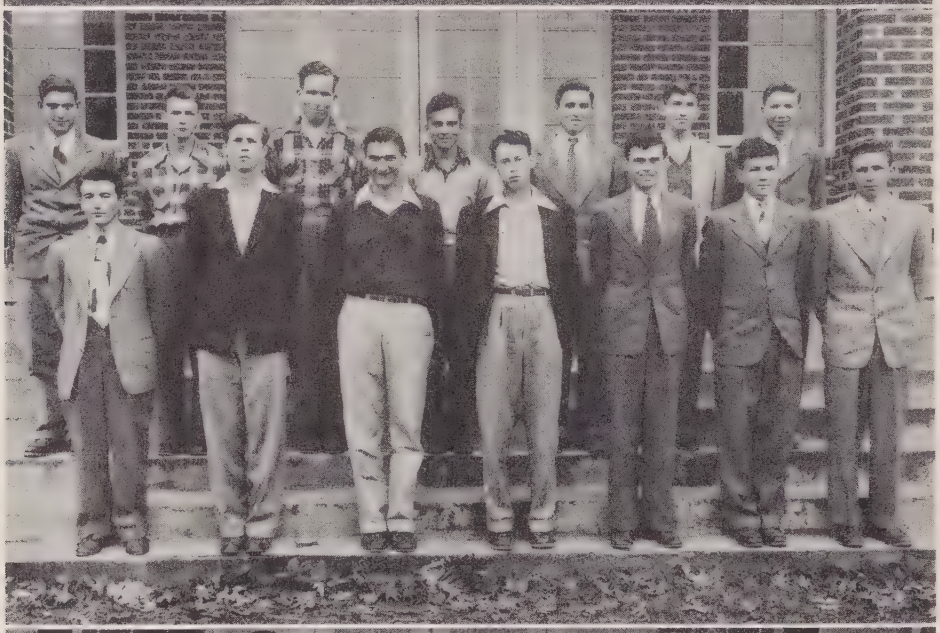

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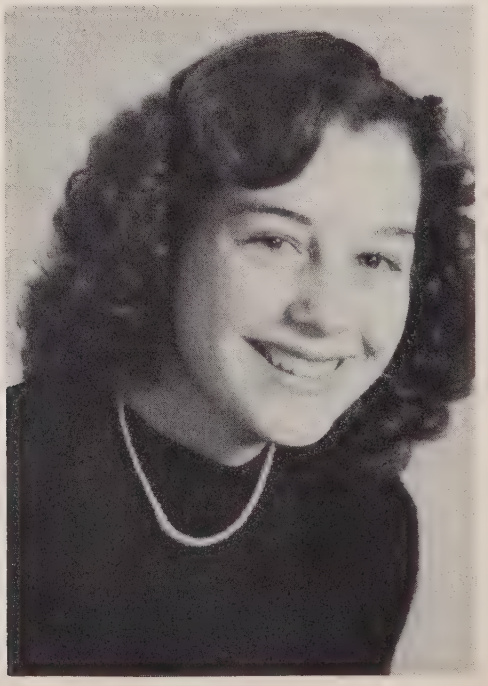

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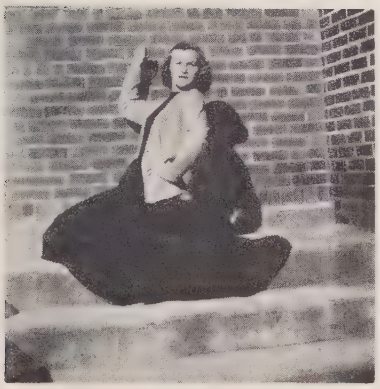

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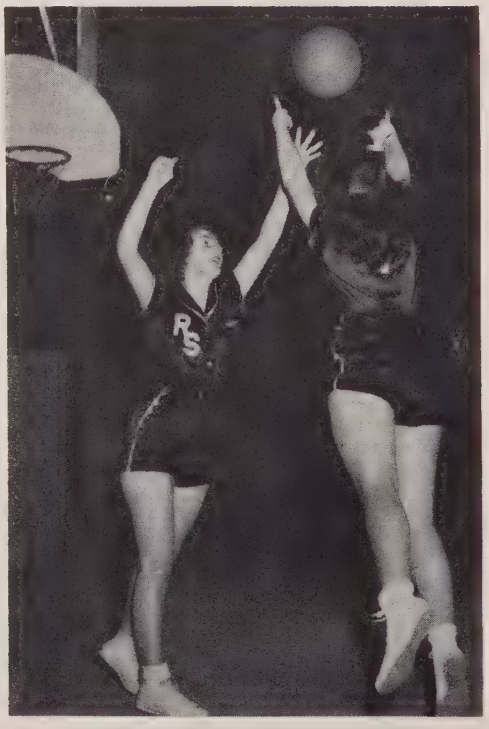

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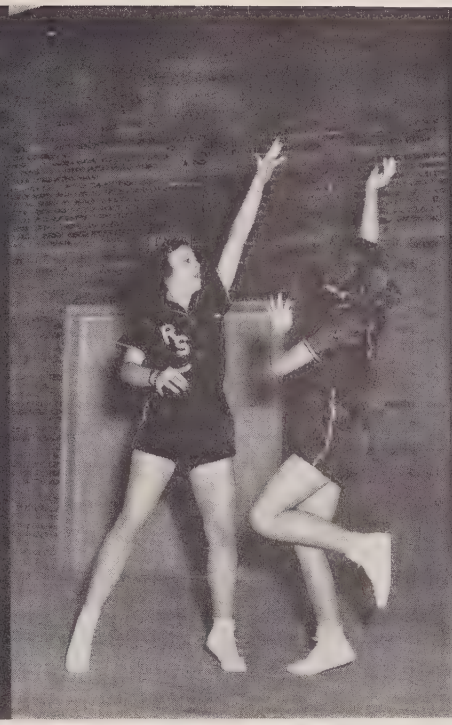

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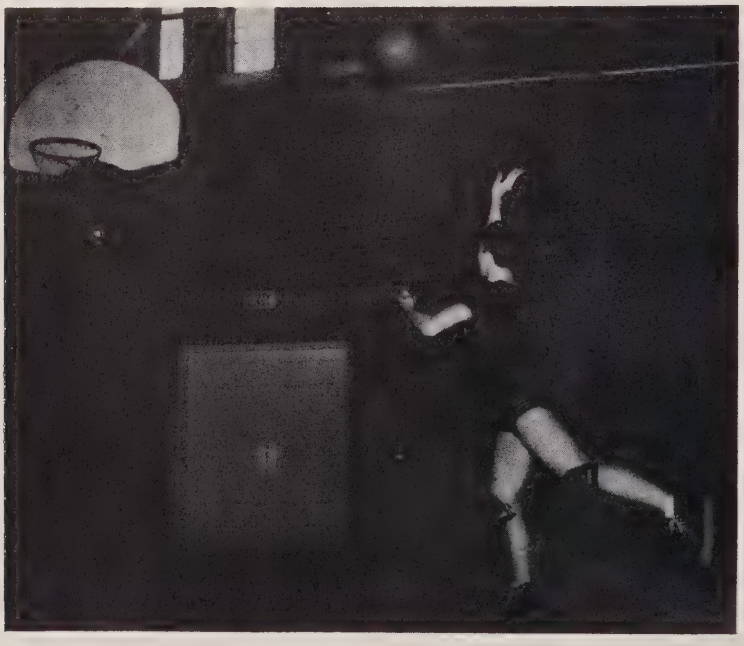

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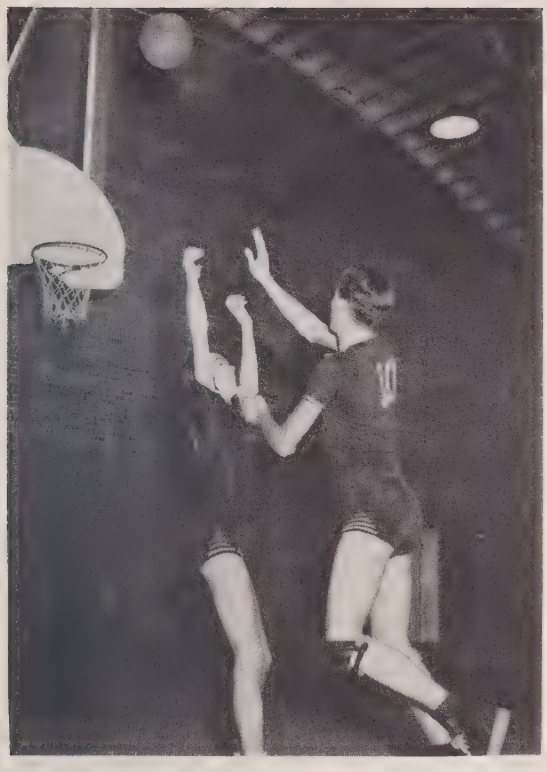

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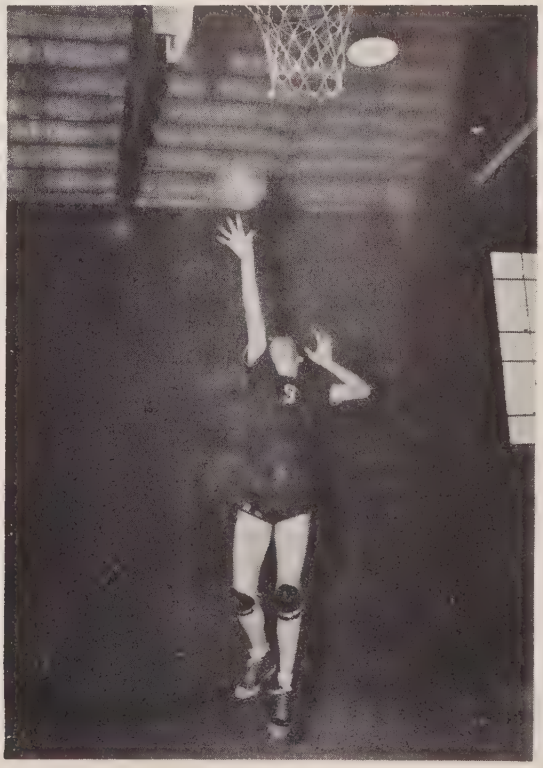

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I dreamed I stood in a studio
And watched two sculptors there,
The clay they used was a young child's mind,
And they fashioned it with care.
One was a teacher; the tools he used
Were books, music and art;
One, a parent, who worked with a guiding
Hand and a gentle, loving heart.
Day after day the teacher toiled,
With touch that was deft and sure,
While the parent labored by his side
And polished and smoothed it o'er.
And when at last their task was done,
They were proud of what they had wrought
For the things they had molded into the child
Could neither be sold nor bought.
And each agreed they would have failed
If he had worked alone,
For behind the teacher stood the school,
And behind the parent, the home.

—Cleo Victoria Swarat.

Autographs

Marjorie,
these years at
Rock Spring together
have been short, but I
have really enjoyed being
with you. Good luck and
the best in your future.
Always,
Annie Black

Marjorie, I certainly have enjoyed our days together in school. I shall always remember you as a May friend. Remember "typing" we spent with Joy Marie (hair cut) "That sure is nice" "new style dress" Remember our trip to Newton and Conover last summer! Good luck in your career in the beauty parlor.

Love always,
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